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1. Developments on Hong Kong aircraft--US Embassy London has been informed by UK Minister of State Younger that arrangements are virtually complete for determining on 26 April 1950 if the British can take executive action to prevent the release to the Chinese Communists of the former Chinese Nationalist airplanes now under litigation in Hong Kong. When pressed for assurances that the planes would be kept at Hong Kong pending the ruling of the Hong Kong court on an appeal for an injunction to prevent Communist removal of the aircraft, Younger responded that "it seemed reasonable" to assume that the planes could be detained for a few days and "expressed the hope that this could be accomplished." (The Hong Kong court has scheduled the hearing on the appeal for 27 April 1950.)

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